

Statement in House Ralston Makes 'No Apology' For Army Recruiting Plan But Denies Coercion Is Used

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

OTTAWA, April 25.—(CP)—Defence Minister Ralston declared to the Commons yesterday that members of Canada's call-up troops are not being "coerced" to enlist for active

Jottings From Parliament

OTTAWA, April 25.—(CP)—Answering a question put by Tom Reid (L-New Westminster), Munitions Minister Howe said yesterday that 75 cargo ships had been turned over to the Park Steamships Co., Ltd., a crown company—which in turn had paid out more than \$501,266 to 22 operating firms as operating fees.

War Services Minister LaFliche said consideration was being given to providing Canadian Legion educational services courses to men who have been discharged from the forces, Gen. LaFliche, answering Howard Green (P.C.-Vancouver South), said courses for discharged men in hospitals now were available but they had been started before the men were discharged.

The British Columbia security commission staff now numbers 102. The labor department reported in a return for G. K. Fraser (P.C.-Peterborough West).

Woman Is Fined For Concealing Absentee Airman

CALGARY, April 25.—(CP)—Mrs. F. B. Caldwell was convicted in police court yesterday of concealing an air force absentee, William Watt Falconer, No. 36 S.F.T.S., R.A.F., Penfold, at her Calgary home, and was fined \$100 and costs. The charge was laid under defence of Canada regulations. A second charge of obstructing Det. Sgt. J. McDonald of city police when he attempted to execute a search warrant on the woman's home was dismissed.

NOT IMMUNE TO WIRE
CANBERRA.—(CP)—For most of his 87 years August Eichorn prepared and perfected remedies for snake-bite, and had been bitten 500 times. Then he scratched himself on barbed wire and died from blood-poisoning.

Famed Polish Flier Perishes in Crash



Flight-Lieutenant K. Burzynski, famed Polish airman, who was the captain of the four-motored Liberator bomber which crashed in the centre of Montreal, killing all members of the crew, including Burzynski, and a number of civilians. One of Poland's leading airmen, often referred to as the "Father of the Polish Air Force," Burzynski was the chief of pilots for the Polish government air lines before the war. After escaping from occupied Europe early in the war, he became an instructor in Great Britain. For the last three years he has been with the Royal Air Force Transport Command, regularly ferrying bombers from Canada to Great Britain.

entitled, but that it is the duty of the army to see to it that the needs of the volunteer army are met before the people of Canada in any shape or form.

"That is being done and will be done, and when my honorable friend used the word 'coercion' I used a word which is not only unauthorized but is totally unjustified in any shape or form."

He said he hoped public-opinion critics, engaged in recruiting, would not be discouraged by the comment which he said seemed to flood from certain quarters when ever an attempt was made to follow Canada's policy and recruit volunteers.

Then he added:

TO CONTINUE PROGRAM

"The army proposes to keep straight on in its program of getting recruits, and I hope recruiting agents will not be discouraged by the efforts in some quarters to cast reflections on this program."

He declared that about 1,100 men called for compulsory military service

had volunteered for general service recently and as a result, units now on the west coast could go overseas as units without being broken up due to withdrawals of general service men for overseas.

Col. Ralston said in answering Howard Green (P.C.-Vancouver South) that general servicemen were withdrawn from units in Canada from time to time to go overseas.

Maj. General G. R. Pearkes, V.C., officer commanding on the Pacific coast, had suggested that instead of the general service troops being withdrawn for this purpose a number of the compulsory servicemen, desirous of the unit might volunteer, so that the units could go overseas intact.

PUT QUESTION TO MEN
Gen. Pearkes and his officers undertook to put the matter before the men. In the case of the 2,700 compulsory service men, about 26 per cent, or more than 700, volunteered.

Another 400 compulsory service troops had volunteered in about three weeks and "this means a certain number of these units will go overseas as units," said Col. Ralston.

The same method of recruiting men for general service has been employed in other parts of Canada.

Mr. Green asked if there has been any change in the policy of sending units overseas or in the use of call-up troops.

Col. Ralston said there has been no change in either policy, the number of units overseas are not being increased. The troops now going over were mainly replacements and reserves.

Discussions on the war appropriations of the war services department centred throughout most of the afternoon and evening session on an item of \$16,367 voted for the Committee of Cooperation of Canadian Citizenship, set up to help newcomers to Canada to become better Canadians.

T. L. Church (P.C.—Toronto Broadview) and J. P. Poulin (L.—Témiscouata) criticized the committee of cooperation on Canadian citizenship, which comes under jurisdiction of the federal war services department, and urged its abolition. Mr. Church moved the item of \$16,367 set aside in the war appropriations of the war services department for the committee be reduced to \$1. He did not find a second.

PRaises MINISTER
Anthony Hynds (S.C.—Vegreville) said he praised the minister for retaining the committee. He knew of the useful work it had done in selling to bring ethnic groups together.

Canada needed a whole government department to help iron out differences which developed among the people.

If the committee had been in existence at the beginning of the war, "the government would not have made the blunder it did in putting a ban on broadcasts in a foreign language during the war," said Mr. Hynds. Radio facilities had been closed down for groups that did not use English or French and this had harmed the government.

The appropriation for the committee should be raised and the staff increased.

TCA Planes Carry
35,397 Passengers
WINNIPEG, April 25.—During the first three months of the current year Trans-Canada Air Lines carried 35,397 passengers, 852,288 pounds of mail and 22,238 pounds of express. O. T. Larsen, vice-president, stated today. As compared with the corresponding period last year, number of passengers increased by 7,045, the mail load by 13,337 pounds and express by 81,042 pounds.

FORGE CLOSER LINKS
CAPE TOWN.—(CP)—Lord Reith, British resident minister in West Africa, has discussed with Prime Minister Smuts and members of the cabinet the forging of closer commercial, shipping and air links between South Africa and West Africa.

Eye-Witness Account of Sea Battle

Nazi Warships Chased to French Coast In Running Fight With Canuck Destroyers

By H. P. TWYFORD

A BRITISH PORT, April 25.—(CP)—The Canadian commander of the combined Canadian-British destroyer force which sank a German destroyer in the English channel before dawn Wednesday disclosed yesterday that the remaining enemy warships were chased under the shadow of Hitler's bristling French coast defences before the action was broken off.

Sitting about-stewed in the cabin of the Haida, from which he directed the destroyers in the running fight, Cmdr. H. G. de Wolfe, Halifax, gave an eye-witness account of the action that raged close to the Nazi-held coast. Though the Royal Navy's Capt. D. M. Lees was in overall command of the force in the new British cruiser Black Prince, Cmdr. H. G. de Wolfe was in direct charge of the preponderantly Canadian destroyer force. It was believed here to be the first time in this war Canadian destroyers have fought an engagement together.

ONE DESTROYER SUNK

The combined formation of one

destroyer, three Canadian and one British destroyer dispersed three or four German destroyers, of which one was sunk.

"Of course we should have liked to have bagged the lot but it was a good show and I think all the ships fought well, especially when you remember that for most of those taking part this was their first big action," said de Wolfe.

The running fight, which the Anglo-Canadian ships gradually closing the range due to their superior speed, lasted more than two hours and covered approximately 30 miles. Besides the Haida, the Canadian destroyers, Albatross, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. John Hamilton Stubbs, D.S.O., Victoria, and Huron, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. H. S. Rayner, D.S.O., Grimby, Ont., were in the force when the enemy ships were encountered.

countered mainly between Brest and Cherbourg.

Officers and men were still tired yesterday and like their ships showed the grime of battle. Empty shell cases were being cleared away by the score. Damage, however, was slight.

"It rather looked as if the enemy was making a dash to an up-channel port under the cover of darkness," de Wolfe said. "The conditions were all in our favor and we made full use of them, especially our advantage of gun-power. As soon as the enemy got wind of the danger, they turned and ran. They never stopped running."

"Their leading destroyer put out a heavy smoke screen but we were delighted when we found our speed enabled us to close with them. It became a running fight. As soon as

Western Veterans Returning Home

MONTREAL, April 25.—(CP)—Veterans of Dieppe, and the Sicilian and Italian campaigns arrived here last night aboard two crowded troop trains. About 150 of the servicemen aboard the trains hailed Montreal the end of the line, with the others bound for destinations in central and western Canada.

we got within range the cruiser used her long-range guns to illuminate the sea of the enemy ships with star shells and that enabled the destroyers to concentrate all their forward gun-power on the enemy. In spite of the smoke screen we knew we were getting some good hits."

"The cruiser left the fight to us. At last out of the fringe of smoke came one German destroyer. She was obviously crippled and trying to get away on her own. She, too, started making smoke but she became just a sitting target."

"We concentrated on her, she was blazing from stem to stern. "Flames illuminated the sea for miles. We got so close she was able to hit us a few times with her small guns but the damage was negligible. In about 3 minutes she went down. In the first stages she was a fearful sight. We saw no survivors. I don't think there could have been any."

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Gaming House Charge Given Adjournment

Six police officers—members of the city morality squad and R.C.M.P.—were heard by Magistrate A. J. Miller, K.C., Thursday, as evidence began in the hearing against Ralph Cooper, Edmonton, charged with keeping a gaming house.

The case, which opened Thursday morning and lasted throughout the afternoon, was adjourned until Monday, after further evidence of Andrew Anderson, owner of the premises which police raided April 16, was given.

TELL OF RAID

The story was told in court of how police broke into the building by a rear door, while other officers went toward the front entrance. Two of the latter reached the front as four men ran out, two of whom were collared. The remaining two were returned to the scene shortly after.

A search of the men found on the premises resulted in taking into the possession of police of over \$4,000. Of this amount, \$1,000 was said to have been found on the accused.

Anderson stated that he had been approached concerning the use of his house for a Sunday game, adding that it had been used on three occasions, once in March and twice in April.

Neil D. Maclean, K.C., appeared for the defence. C. G. Purvis, K.C., is crown prosecutor.

World Policy Is Said Best For Canada

Canada has more to gain from a general policy of world-mindedness in the post-war world than any other country, Dr. Robert Newton, president of the University of Alberta, said Thursday noon at the Macdonald hotel.

Speaking before a meeting of the Rotary club on the subject of "Canada's Role in Post-War Reconstruction," Dr. Newton emphasized that it is no longer possible for any nation to live self-sufficiently and expect either peace or prosperity.

He said that the amount of goodwill and national unity that Canada can demonstrate at the peace table will determine whether or not she is rewarded to make her proper contribution to the realization of that kind of a "one world."

OUTLINES PROBLEMS

In outlining Canada's problems as far as national unity is concerned, Dr. Newton suggested the establishment of a bilingual system in the nation's schools, pointing to Russia's success in solving the language problem of her 170,000,000 people and 30 distinct languages and apparently having a strong national unity.

Among some of the world problems Canada must be prepared to face and solve is "freedom from fear." This freedom he said is the first essential towards establishing world peace and prosperity.

"Unless we have freedom from fear, the next peace, like the last one, will be just another armed truce," he said.

Canada can compete successfully in the free movement of world trade, he said, by improving the quality and economy of her commodities, by specialization and by striving for markets other than the United States and Great Britain.

He suggested that Canada become a full member of the Pan-American congress.

IMMIGRATION NEEDS

Dr. Newton also pointed out that immigration will be a world problem as well as a national problem, and said that we need a long-term policy really based on fundamental principles. Such a policy should call for reciprocal immigration between nations provided that the immigrants are mutually assimilable.

He was introduced by Prof. R. M. Hardy, Rotary president. Rev. T. Rose presided as chairman.

Navy Requires Technical Men

The navy has vacancies for a number of special branch officers in technical departments of the naval service, Lt.-Cmdr. J. A. Dawson, commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Nonuch," announced Thursday. Applicants should be graduate mechanical engineers with practical experience—or men with a knowledge of mechanical engineering and extensive experience in drawing offices and shops.

Also required are patrolmen, gunners, visual signifiers, cooks, stewards, postal clerks, bandmen, musicians and artificers of different types.

The recruiting office at H.M.C.S. "Nonuch" is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

More Care Urged In Admitting Some Groups to Canada

OTTAWA, April 25.—(CP)—Tom Reid, (L.-New Westminster) said last night in the Commons that Canada must be careful in the future not to admit groups of people who cannot be assimilated. He said the bushbuck groups in British Columbia had defied the law, done things Canadians thought "disgraceful," but nothing had been done to make them observe the law.

Mr. Reid said the groups in Canada should do something for themselves. Little could be done if groups of foreign born lived in

C.W.A.C. Seeking All Types Workers

The present C.W.A.C. recruiting drive is aimed at filling a need for stenographers and clerical workers of all types. The selective recruiting system gives all applicants the opportunity of finding out what job they are best fitted to do before actually enlisting. Those successful in

passing the preliminary medical test are sent to military headquarters at Calgary.

Educational requirements are no longer as high as they were, as aptitude tests are used to decide whether or not a person is "trainable material."

After tests and interviews the applicant is told what jobs would be open to her in the army and she may then decide whether or not she wants to enlist.

The army recruiting depot in

Edmonton is located at 101 street and 102 avenue.

"IKE" FOOLED SCHOOLMATES
FILED, Idaho.—(CP)—Mrs. Earl Ramsey remembers Schoolmate Dwight D. Eisenhower as a sandy-haired, quiet, retiring high school senior at Abilene, Kan., who had little time for girls. The class president, (about Eisenhower as a future history professor rather than a man who would help make history.

Recruiting Unit Will Tour North

FILED—R. W. Bigger, R.C.A.F. recruiting officer, will head a joint army-air force mobile recruiting unit which will tour northern Alberta and British Columbia between May 13 and 21. Sgt.-Maj. J. R. Barnes will be in charge of army recruiting.

Men approaching the unit to

qualify for enlistment in the R.C.A.F. should be between the ages of 18 and 28.

The army is particularly interested in recruiting experienced tradesmen.

Centres in the north will be visited according to the schedule below:

Grande Prairie, May 13, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 13, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Beaver Lodge, May 17, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dawson Creek, May 18, 11 a.m. to

8 p.m.; Peace River, May 19, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 20, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 26, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 30, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; May 31, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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In North Atlantic

R.C.N. to Back Up Invasion
With Tight Convoy Patrols

By FRANK LOUW

LONDON, April 28.—(CP)—The recent announcement of Canada's navy minister, Hon. Angus Macdonald, that the primary concern of the Royal Canadian Navy was the North Atlantic convoying job probably tells the story of the role Canada's fighting ships and men will play in the second front.

It probably means that the major strength of the R.C.N. will be concentrated, as now, in the North Atlantic, doing the job it has been built to do and playing an important part in the invasion by keeping supplies coming that will keep the European offensive rolling.

However, it is a well-known fact that landing craft manned by Canadian sailors will bump against the beaches of the continent when the second front comes.

ACTION FOR SOME

There is a strong likelihood, too, that at least two big R.C.N. ships, the Prince David and the Prince Robert, will be there. It has already been announced that the one-time luxury ships which became auxiliary cruisers have been transformed into invasion ships and anti-aircraft cruisers.

Some of Canada's destroyers might also see action in European waters come "D Day," especially the powerful Tribal and fleet class destroyers recently acquired by the Dominion. Integrated with Royal Navy squadrons, they will probably add the weight of metal to the offensive being hurled against the continent.

MAY USE "SWEEPERS"

It would also seem logical to assume that some of the R.C.N. mine sweepers will be in action over the English Channel during the invasion. They would be useful in adding to the Royal Navy fleet that will have a big job keeping clear of explosive

PRIVATE BREGER ABROAD



"What's the matter, soldier? Don't you believe in proper salutes?"

the waterways to be sailed by the second front armadas. With those exceptions, however, it looks as though few strictly R.C.N. ships will take part in the invasion itself. Their job probably will consist of backstopping the assault with light convoy patrols.

Montreal Crash
Found Accidental

MONTREAL, April 28.—(CP)—A verdict of accidental death was returned yesterday by a coroner's jury following an inquest into the deaths of 25 persons, including the five-man crew, killed when a four-engine bomber crashed Tuesday into a block of tenement houses.

Sgt. Ldr. Fowler Morgan Gobeil, investigating officer of the R.C.F. transport command at Dorval airport, testified that "No official suggestion of possible sabotage has been made to the R.A.F.C. court of inquiry investigating the cause of the crash."

He said the plane had been tested two days before the crash and put under armed guard in one of the hangars at Dorval until it took off on its final flight last Tuesday.

Four of the five crew members will be buried here today.

Just Interested!

LONDON, April 28.—(CP)—Sometimes Britons carry their racial characteristic of minding their own business too far. When a robber matched the handbag of a woman on a downtown street, she chased him, caught him and tried to beat him with her bare fists. Passersby watched with interest but none moved to help her and the man got away with the purse.

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Most of the confusion as to the character of our post-war military establishment grows out of this reactionary and anachronistic state of affairs. There is every reason to fear that the air potential of our country will be divided, misshandled and misapplied because of the failure to create genuine autonomy in this new and paramount military force. It becomes the solemn duty of a man in non-official position, as I therefore feel to express themselves to warn the nation on this vital matter. Exploration of the aviation phase beyond the limited functions envisioned by obsolete military men ought to be under development before plans for our future military set-up are congealed, making revision difficult and costly.

Let us assume, for the sake of argument, that the thesis embodied in the R.A.F.—namely, that air power is not a component of the Army or the Navy but a quite separate military entity—is correct. This thesis, to which the late General Billy Mitchell devoted his talents, is fully accepted as truth not only by the top armor in Great Britain but, I am in a position to testify, by practically all the top armor in the American forces.

NAVAL FUNCTION

Who is there in the American military machine to translate it into plans and action? There is nobody. An air general who worked out ideas amounting to actual American command of the entire air ocean, if and when necessary, would be guilty of intruding upon the Navy's domain. Similarly, an air admiral who dared plan on the industrial scale would be guilty of interfering with Army prerogatives. Silly though it sounds at first, the stage of aeronautics, aviation operating over water is regarded as a naval function, and aviation operating over land as an Army function. There is no one on our top leadership who could even suggest an over-all air power program without opening himself to charges of insubordination.

As a pertinent illustration of the failure to visualize the future military world picture as affected by air power, consider a recent and typical statement by Secretary of the Navy Knox. Discussing the Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific, he declared that "we should keep them as a matter of military consideration," although they were of no value for commercial aviation. It happens that precisely the opposite is the case.

Such way-stations will be of great value as stop-off points in the great network of civil transport and passenger flying that is certain to develop. But from a military standpoint they will be useless. Already most of these islands have been cancelled out militarily by the growing range of aviation. An time when their range potential in air power will be utilized, intermilitary points will then be utterly unnecessary and useless.

PRIMARY BASES
Warning nations in the future will strike at one another from primary bases, located on the same land masses with the sources of their air power and supplies. Inter-continental wars will be indefensible, because they simply cannot hold enough air power to withstand the concentrated aviation the enemy can bring to bear in attack. And they are in a better defensive, since they cannot accommodate enough power to menace an enemy's main targets.

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Air Power

The Case for Air Power

By Maj. A. P. de Seversky

America's peace will be protected, in the post-war period, by a tremendous army, running into millions of men, according to Major General Lewis B. Hearn. It will be backed by a Navy second to none, according to Assistant Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal. The paradox of the American military picture, however, is that in an epoch so clearly dominated by aviation there is no one with the full authority to present the case for the role of air power in the post-war period.

True, General Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, might speak up for "Army air power." Admiral John H. McCain, deputy chief of naval operations (air), might speak up for "Navy air power." In addition each of the spokesmen for the surface forces

in his concept of military force. In the same way that the inclusion of artillery or PT boats, but there is no one in an official position who has the right and the obligation to bring to public attention the larger destiny of American military aviation.

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Great Explosion
On French Coast

LONDON, April 28.—(CP)—A terrific explosion on the French coast from the same direction as others heard in recent days—rocked towns along Dover Strait yesterday, suggesting the Germans were doing an 11th hour rush order, blasting job for their west wall defenses.

A deep, rumbling noise preceded the blast. The ground shuddered, houses rocked, doors were sprung and locks flew open.

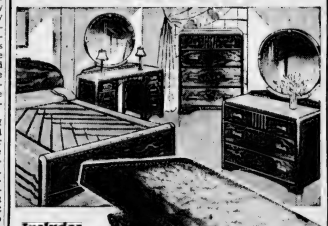
The explosion might have been part of the Allied night aerial attack, but coastal residents said that if so it must have been a super-colossal black-out.

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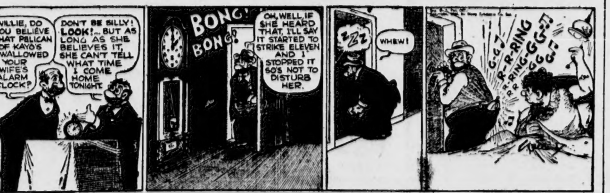
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